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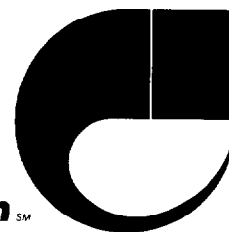
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Comtex Scientific, an electronic news and information publisher, announces the formation of a new division, Scientific DataLink (SDL). "The objective of SDL," according to Comtex President and CEO, Graeme Keeping, "is to acquire and publish state-of-the-art high technology research documents."

SDL is a technology transfer program in computer intensive technologies giving scientists, engineers, research laboratories, and libraries convenient, single-source access to fundamental research results, both theoretical and applied, from leading universities and R&D facilities.

Many thousands of pages from MIT, Stanford, Purdue, and SRI International documenting Artificial Intelligence research have already been published by SDL. Additional AI collections are expected in the first half of 1984 from Yale; Carnegie-Mellon; Rutgers; Bolt, Beranek and Newman; Maryland; and Edinburgh.

These pages, heretofore unavailable as comprehensive collections, and others to be published in computer science, robotics, and related disciplines are converted to microfiche, coded, indexed and entered onto a database by

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the SDL editorial staff. Each collection is accompanied by a comprehensive catalogue with abstract, author, title, and subject indices to enhance convenient use.

Domestic and international marketing of the collections to academic libraries as well as to industry and government, including the military, will be undertaken by Information Handling Services, a division of Thyssen-Bornemisza, Inc., and John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

SDL's parent company, Comtex Scientific Corporation, is actively developing a computerized electronic publishing service for both scientific data and general news and information. United Press International (UPI) has recently taken a 45% position in the company in exchange for assignment of its electronic database contracts which include services to Lockheed's Dialog, Dow Jones Information Retrieval Services, ITT Dialcom, Mead Data General's NEXIS, NewsNet and Reader's Digests' The Source.

Keeping further pointed out that Comtex would also make available in the near future a proprietary service called NewsGrid which would contain material from the UPI database. "NewsGrid is specifically designed for use by Videotex system operators and others who need a streamlined, financial, business and general news and sports overlay to their present electronic delivery services."

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